GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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DISCOVERY OF GAS IN BASIN OF MAHARASHTRA COAST
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether ONGC made a significant gas discovery in Basin of Maharashtra Coast near Mumbai and new oil and gas bearing structure in western offshore about 6 k.m. east basin (Vasai) Gas fields;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): the Government's initiative for the exploration of those blocks;

(d): whether those oil exploration blocks will be offered to private sector company for exploration; and

(e): if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) has struck oil and gas in Bassein East prospect located about six kilometer East of Bassein gas field off the Maharashtra coast. At present, the field is under delineation on a fast track basis. Two delineation wells have been drilled and another well is also under drilling. 3-D seismic acquisition has been planned during the current year by ONGC, who will continue the exploratory efforts in this acreage on their own for converting this find into a producing property.